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For: **APPARATUS FOR REMOVING AND/OR RECOVERING INK,  
PRINTING MACHINE INCLUDING SUCH APPARATUS, AND  
METHOD FOR SUPPLYING AND/OR RECOVERING INK**

ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT  
TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

Patentee KABUSHIKI KAISHA ISOWA, by the undersigned, whose title is set forth below, as the owner by assignment of the subject U.S. patent no. 7,165,495, hereby asserts entitlement to small entity status, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Patentee KABUSHIKI KAISHA ISOWA submits that it qualifies as a Small Business Concern as described in 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a), since it has fewer than 500 employees and has not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and is not under any obligation to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights under the subject patent to any person, concern or organization which itself would not qualify for small entity status.

The undersigned is authorized to execute this paper on behalf of KABUSHIKI KAISHA ISOWA.

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